

BBF PASTOR SPEAKS AT PROMISE KEEPERS MEETING

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Billy Hamm, pastor of the Mountain States Baptist Temple, Denver, Colorado, spoke at a Promise Keepers seminar earlier this year. Pastor Hamm was listed with 30 other men in a Promise Keepers brochure announcing a series of Spring and Summer Seminars held around the country. The seminars are called Foundations For Effective Men's Ministry. Pastor Hamm has served five terms as treasurer of the Baptist Bible Fellowship. In the late 1970s he pastored the First Baptist Church of Hollywood, California, and taught at BBF-connected Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College.

The August 1995 issue of Jerry Falwell's National Liberty Journal contained an article by Pastor Hamm entitled "The Promise Keepers Phenomenon." While the article contained some low-key statements of concern about Promise Keepers, it was largely positive. On July 29 I wrote to Pastor Hamm and expressed my concern about his article and asked why he did not warn about Promise Keepers' unscriptural ecumenism, its radical charismatic connection, and its use of psychology. He did not respond.